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| In re Application of: |) | Confirmation No. 6124 |
| Gary Karlin Michelson, M.D. |) | |
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| Filed: July 27, 2000 |) | Examiner: U. Ho |
| For: A GUARD FOR USE IN |) | |
| PERFORMING HUMAN |) | |
| INTERBODY SPINAL SURGERY |) | |
| (as amended) |) | |

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for one (1) month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.

Amendment 3-26-04

Application No. 09/626,636
Amendment dated March 26, 2004
Reply to Office Action of December 17, 2003

Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

-- A GUARD FOR USE IN PERFORMING HUMAN INTERBODY SPINAL

SURGERY APPARATUS AND METHOD OF INSERTING SPINAL IMPLANTS --.